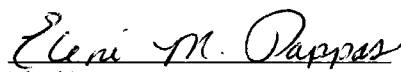


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response After Final is being submitted in reply to the Office Action made Final mailed January 5, 2010 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before May 5, 2010, this response includes a Petition for a 1-month extension of time to file and the requisite Petition Fee [\$65].

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.